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#### "BETTER FISHING" IS BIG-BUSINESS FOR U. S. HATCHERIES

Millions of fish eggs, fry and fingerlings were produced by U. S. hatcheries in 1949, according to the Branch of Game Fish and Hatcheries of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

Production of fish at Federal fish hatcheries during 1949 for the stocking of public and private waters included more than 55,356,000 eggs, 587,163,000 fry, 106,530,000 fingerlings less than six inches in length and 1,515,000 fish six inches or over in length.

Ninety-five Federal hatcheries were in operation in 42 states. Thirty-four species of fish were propagated, representing more than a dozen of the most important commercial food fishes and practically all of the more valuable game and pan species found in this country.

A marked increase in production in 1949 over the previous year was shown in fingerlings under six inches in length—with 30,000,000 more being produced. This increase is a result of the continued upward trend in the construction of farm ponds for watering livestock, and which are also stocked with pan and game fish for recreational fishing.

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